



INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

20 June 2018

Dear Mr van Nijen,

I wish to refer to my letters of 20 April and 17 May in connection with the next steps to be taken regarding the 'environmental impact assessment for the testing of collector components in the German license area'. I wish to thank you for your responses to the questions raised by the Secretariat in those letters.

I wish to inform you that in line with the procedure outlined in document ISBA/24/LTC/7, the Secretariat has now completed its internal evaluation of the environmental impact assessment, including independent reviews. This phase produced three reviews for each application, enclosed here, and named: GSR Review 1, GSR Review 2 and GSR Review 3.

These documents will be made available to the Legal and Technical Commission during its meetings from 2-13 July 2018. At this stage, we wish to provide you with an opportunity to comment on the independent reviews within a period of 10 days starting with the date of this letter. Your comments will also be made available to the Commission. Comments should be submitted to Dr Sandor Mulsow at smulsow@isa.org.jm.

As also indicated in ISBA/24/LTC/7, it is envisaged that we will post the environmental impact assessments on the Authority's website for access by the general public. We propose to do this on 25 June 2018, in the absence of any objection from you.

With assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:
GSR Review 1
GSR Review 2
GSR Review 3